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6713-hf 200/271**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended - withdrawn)

14. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 9 19 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 15 (currently amended - withdrawn)

15. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 40 20 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 16 (previously added - withdrawn)

16. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount of therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 44 21 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 17 (previously added - withdrawn)

17. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 42 22 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

Claim 18 (previously added)

18. A method of effecting at least one result selected from the group consisting of preventing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin and repairing existing damage to DNA intrinsic to skin, said method comprising topically applying to skin an effective amount therefor of the cosmetic composition according to claim 43 23 for a period of time sufficient to effect said at least one result.

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Claim 19 (new)

19. A cosmetic oil-in-water or water-in-oil preparation for topical application to the skin comprising of:
- (a) an oil phase;
 - (b) an aqueous phase; and
 - (c) at least one member selected from the group consisting of dihydrofolic acid and tetrahydrofolic acid in the absence of vitamin B12.

Claim 20 (new)

20. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 19, wherein said at least one member is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.01-10% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 21 (new)

21. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 20, wherein said at least one member is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.05-5% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 22 (new)

22. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 21, wherein said at least one member is present in said cosmetic preparation in a concentration of 0.1-2% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 23 (new)

23. The cosmetic preparation according to claim 19, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of vitamin E, vitamin E derivatives, vitamin A and vitamin A derivatives, in a concentration of 0.001-10% by weight based on a total weight of the cosmetic preparation.

Claim 24 (new)

24. The preparation of claim 19 wherein said preparation is an emulsion or a hydrodispersion.

Claim 25 (new)

25. The preparation of claim 24 which further comprises of a complexing agent.

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Claim 26 (new)

26. The preparation of claim 25, wherein said complexing agent is EDTA.

Claim 27 (new)

27. The preparation of claim 24 which further comprises of an anti-oxidant.

Claim 28 (new)

28. The preparation of claim 27, wherein said anti-oxidant is BHT.

Claim 29 (new)

29. The preparation of claim 24 which further comprises of an inorganic pigment.

Claim 30 (new)

30. The preparation of claim 29 wherein said inorganic pigment is titanium dioxide.

Claim 31 (new)

31. The preparation of claim 24 wherein the hydrodispersion is a hydrodispersion gel.